

stration Samoa was abandoned to Germany and Great Britain and no attempt to live up to the provisions of the tripartite agreement has since been made by this Government. President McKinley, however, considers the islands well worth holding to the limit of extent provided by the agreement and his ideas on the subject are embodied in the instructions which Mr. Osborn will carry with him to Apia.

Mr. Osborn is now in Washington studying the correspondence relating to Samoa on file at the State Department. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the ideas of the President, and intends to do all that can be done to promote the languishing American interests. His instructions are to make inquiry into the political conditions in the islands, with particular reference to the workings of the tripartite arrangement and to suggest a plan for the improvement of the provisions of that agreement. His report will be made to President McKinley, who has been impressed with the strategic and commercial importance of the Samoan group to this country. It is probable that a United States war ship will be sent to Apia to show the Stars and Stripes and to let the people of the islands understand that this Government has not lost interest in them.

ASKED TO REMAIN.

Brown University Corporation wishes President Andrews.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 1.—The corporation of Brown University today voted, after a long meeting, to request President Andrews to withdraw his resignation as president of that institution.

In addition to this matter the now famous protest of 25 of the faculty of Brown and a number of petitions, including one from college professors and public men, asking for the retention of President Andrews, were also presented and considered. The last-named petition declared that "the future influence of the American university and the interests of free thought and free speech under a just sense of accountability would be promoted by such action on the part of the corporation as might naturally lead to the withdrawal of the resignation of President Andrews."

Among the signers are: Daniel C. Gilman, president of Johns Hopkins University; Charles Eliot, president of Harvard; C. K. Adams, president of the University of Wisconsin; Seth Low, president of Columbia College; W. J. Samner, professor of political economy; Yale; John Fisher, the historian; William Lloyd Garrison; J. T. Trowbridge, the author; Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston; James R. Jewett, president of the University of Minnesota.

A number of short speeches were made on both sides, and then Congressman Walker of Massachusetts was recognized by the chairman. He made a speech advocating the action that was subsequently taken.

The vote on the subject was practically unanimous and taken after speeches had been made by nearly every member of the corporation.

NO EXTRA SESSION.

That is the opinion expressed in Washington.

WASHINGTON, September 1.—There is no disposition among officials here to question the correctness of the statement in the dispatches from Hawaii to the effect that Minister Hatch hurried to Honolulu with the special purpose of securing annexation by the Hawaiian Government in advance of the meeting of our Congress. There is no rule in diplomatic practice that would forbid Hawaii first acting upon the treaty, and the treaty itself does not indicate which Government is to take the initiative in the ratification. While it is regarded as desirable in the execution of the policy of President McKinley toward Hawaii as stated in his message transmitting the treaty to Congress last June that the document shall be ready in all respects for the action of the United States Senate at its next session, it is not believed that the President has any intention of calling a special session for the purpose of ratification. Indeed, considering the fact that if the Hawaiian Legislature acts with the greatest promptness upon the treaty, it can scarcely complete this action and return the ratified document to Washington before October at the earliest. It would appear to be unnecessary to advance the session of Congress by such a short space of time as would intervene between this date and the date upon which Congress meets in regular session.

TO CLAIM DAMAGES.

Spain seeks indemnity because of filibustering.

NEW YORK, August 31.—The Herald's Washington special says: Spain is laying the groundwork for the presentation of an enormous claim for damages against the United States as the result of the departure of filibustering expeditions from this country for Cuba. Calderon Carilele, legal adviser of the Spanish Legation here, has submitted to Minister de Loma a voluminous report on the filibustering expeditions. After reviewing the actions of the American people in contravention to the neutrality laws and the law of the foreign relations of this Government from Washington to McKinley, he devotes a chapter to the attitude of the Executive, giving the proclamations issued by President Cleveland, his reference to filibustering in his message and an extract from the inaugural address of President McKinley.

LOOKING TOWARD GOLD.

India Suspend Sale of Bills of Exchange.

LONDON, September 1.—The following notice was posted at the Bank of England today:

"The Secretary of State for India, in Council, gives notice that the sale of bills of exchange on Calcutta, Bombay and Madras shall be suspended for a period not less than 10 weeks."

The Government has very little money in India to draw on, owing to the famine and the plague having rendered the collection of taxes slow. The present time may be opportune to ac-

custom the Indians to the use of gold instead of silver, though it would not have been attempted had not the scarcity of money arisen.

Earthquake in Japan.

TACOMA, Wash., August 29.—The Northern Pacific steamer Columbia arrived this afternoon, bringing news of great loss of life in Japan on August 28th and 29th. Strong earthquake shocks of the longest duration ever known in Japan were felt throughout the main island on the morning of August 28th. Less than an hour afterward a great tidal wave rolled inland from the sea. Villages and towns along the coast were flooded or swept away. Rivers were blocked up with water to an extent unknown in recent years. They were already very high for great rainstorms had just occurred. All railroads were damaged and bridges washed out by dozens.

Survey of Seal Islands.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—In a letter written to the Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Will Ward Duffield reports that he has completed the survey of three of the islands of the Pribiloff group, including the St. Paul, the largest of the group, and small tracts known as Walrus and Otter Islands. He expected when he wrote to continue his work on St. George Island and to complete it before the close of the season. A map showing all the features of the islands will be made. It is expected to be very useful to the Commissioners.

Ask for Gold Basis.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, via Galveston, Texas, August 31.—A meeting of merchants which was largely attended was held here today. Resolutions were adopted deploring the present financial condition of Nicaragua and petitioning the Government to place the country upon a gold basis, estimating the present paper dollar or silver dollar at 80 cents gold, asking for the issuance of gold certificates in their place and at this valuation, and requesting the Government to export and sell the present silver coinage of Nicaragua.

Nominate Seth Low.

NEW YORK, September 1.—The Boroughs Committee of the Citizens' Union has nominated Seth Low for Mayor of Greater New York. Congressman Quigg, chairman of the Republican organization, has repeatedly asserted that the nomination of Mr. Low by the Citizens' Union would drive the Republican organization to look for a candidate elsewhere. A special messenger left this city late tonight for Northeast Harbor, Me., with the letter of the Citizens' Union notifying Mr. Low of his nomination.

Of Interest to Exporters.

WASHINGTON, September 1.—The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a circular containing the opinion of Attorney-General McKenna, who holds that the law does not specifically require exporters or their agents to appear personally before United States consular officers in order to have their invoices certified to as being correct and true. This will enable exporters to have invoices certified with less inconvenience than heretofore.

A World's Record.

READVILLE, Mass., August 28.—Star Pointer lowered the much-flaunted two-minute banner and created a new world's harness record of 1:59 1/4 for the mile, with the aid of a running pace-maker, in a trial against time here this afternoon. Every condition was perfect for the attempt, and the track, which will now rank as one of the fastest in the world, was in most excellent shape.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

LONDON, August 27.—The Financial News says the French Cabinet is considering the floating of a loan of £60,000,000 in 2 1/2 per cent bonds, partly for the redemption of the floating debt and partly for the reconstruction of the French Navy.

BERLIN, August 27.—A new first-class cruiser, which is to be launched next month, is to be christened Bismarck. This is interpreted as being an indication that better relations exist between the ex-Chancellor and Emperor William.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., August 27.—Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama is here for a few days. He declines to be interviewed, but has said that he is en route to Hawaii and that his visit to the Islands is purely for private business.

MADRID, August 26.—At a Cabinet council held today it was decided to summon the next class of 80,000 reserves, 27,000 of whom will be sent to Cuba and 13,000 to the Philippine Islands. The Ministers, when questioned, denied that the council was occupied with the subject of colonial reforms.

LONDON, August 30.—The Daily Chronicle this morning publishes the announcement that the Czar has decided upon the partial abolition of the exile to Siberia of criminals and the substitution therefor of confinement in the large central prisons in Russia. The change will become effective a year hence.

BERLIN, August 31.—Prince Bismarck is again suffering from neuralgia of the face. Dr. Schweinfinger is again in attendance on the ex-Chancellor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 31.—The arrests of Armenians continue. It is rumored that Murad Bey has either fled or has been done away with. His friends have not seen him since last Thursday.

VICTORIA, B. C., August 31.—A private telegram received here announces the death near Coban, Guatemala, of Rt. Rev. Bishop Lemmens, Catholic Bishop of Vancouver Island and Alaska.

BRUSSELS, September 1.—The police of this city have arrested a Ger-

man named Gustav Dubenspeck upon suspicion that he is concerned in a plot to assassinate Emperor William. Dubenspeck was denounced by a friend who learned of his intentions to leave Belgium for Germany.

ABERDEEN, September 1.—Queen Victoria arrived today at Balmoral Castle. At Perth, Aberdeen and at Balmoral enthusiastic crowds gathered to greet Her Majesty. Decorations were plentiful, and at Craphio a handsome arch was erected.

LONDON, September 2.—The Mail's Berlin correspondent says it is stated that it has been practically settled that Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, will retire in October.

THE A B C OF MATTER.

Dr. Maxwell's Interesting Lecture Before Punahou's Students.

Dr. W. Maxwell addressed the students of Oahu College yesterday morning in the lecture room of the Bishop Hall of Science on "The A B C of Matter." The doctor has the art—rare in men of his attainments—of making clear the most abstruse problems. We are in the infancy, the A B C of our knowledge of the material world about us. There is plenty room for investigation. Nature is in constant movement, there is an unceasing round of composition and decomposition, and the whole is accomplished by the circulation of the 80 elements.

As there are five vowels that bear the burden of word-making, so there are five elements—carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur—of which matter is chiefly formed. As we observe in the laboratory the phenomena of these few elements we stand in awe of the great forces that are in operation around us. Marsh gas and chlorine are most destructive agents, and yet when combined produce the liquid chloroform, so beneficial to suffering humanity. Chlorine in chemical union with sodium gives us our common table salt. Cane sugar—a compound of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen—is the diamond combined with water. All things sweet and bitter, beautiful and ugly, are made up of these 80 elements. The cabbage has the same constituents as the rose. The doctor referred to his own original investigations concerning the circulation of phosphorus from the mineral to the vegetable kingdom, thence to the animal and he showed that the compound of phosphorus in the bones of the animal is identical with the mineral phosphate of calcium. Nature holds her secrets quite tenaciously, but if you persevere she is gracious and will tell you.

Nearly Swamped.

The boat of Larsen, the baggage man, had a close shave yesterday at about noon. Larsen and two or three others were taken out by a couple of natives to meet the Coptic. When the pilot-boat had caught the line the smaller one swung in, but failed to make connections. One after the other of the passengers grasped the ladder and were nearly drawn out of the boat. Finally a line was thrown to the pilot-boat, and after several very dangerous capers on the part of the smaller one the baggage men finally succeeded in getting aboard.

Death of Adeline Hendee.

By the Coptic yesterday came the news of the death of Miss Adeline Hendee, the youngest daughter of Pay Inspector Hendee, at the Charleston Navy Yard, near Boston, Mass., on August 24th. Deceased was here during the last of the year 1884 and the beginning of 1885, and, during her stay, made a large number of friends. She was a charming young society lady and many functions were given in her honor.



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